

SEP 19 2006

PTO/SB/08a (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0851-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/681,203
Filing Date	October 9, 2003
First Named Inventor	HUSAIN
Art Unit	1723
Examiner Name	CECIL, Terry K.
Attorney Docket Number	4320-521

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials *	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)			
TC		US- 3,387,504	02-08-1968	Westmoreland	
		US- 3,827,584	08-08-1974	Rak	
		US- 4,235,723	11-25-1980	Bartlett, Jr.	
		US- 5,250,182	10-05-1993	Bento et al.	
		US- 5,454,952	10-03-1995	Brewer	
		US- 5,501,798	03-26-1998	Al-Samadi et al.	
		US- 5,585,531	12-17-1998	Barker et al.	
		US- 6,325,928	12-04-2001	Pedersen et al.	
		US- 6,755,970	06-2004	Knappe et al.	
		US- 4,839,037	08-13-1989	Bertelsen et al.	
		US- 4,855,058	08-08-1989	Holland et al.	
		US- 3,982,301	11-16-1976	Shippey et al.	
		US- 5,503,750	04-1998	Russo et al.	
		US- 4,243,523	01-1981	Pelmulder	
		US- 6,345,961	02-2002	Oklejas	
		US- 6,673,242	01-2004	Herron	
		US- 4,814,079	03-21-1989	Schneider	
		US- 2003/0178367	09-25-2003	van Reis	
		US- 5,711,882	01-27-1998	Hofmann et al.	
		US- 5,611,841	03-18-1997	Baker et al.	
		US- 5,154,832	10-13-1992	Yamamura et al.	
		US- 5,034,126	07-23-1991	Reddy et al.	
		US- 4,785,893	08-23-1988	Kohlheb	
		US- 4,033,878	07-05-1977	Foreman et al.	
		US- 4,566,301	01-28-1986	O'Dell	
		US- 5,348,651	09-20-1994	Carlson et al.	
		US- 4,110,175	08-29-1978	Ahlgren et al.	
		US- 5,460,720	10-24-1995	Schneider	
		US- 4,713,195	12-15-1987	Schneider	
		US- 6,054,051	04-25-2000	van Reis	
		US- 6,221,249	04-24-2001	van Reis	
		US- 6,387,270	05-14-2002	van Reis	
		US- 6,555,006	04-29-2003	van Reis	
TC		US- 5,034,126	07-23-1991	Reddy et al.	

Examiner
Signature

/Terry Cecil/

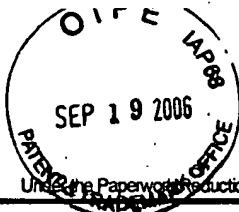
Date
Considered

11/21/2006

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



PTO/SB/08b(08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 2 2

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/681,203
Filing Date	October 9, 2003
First Named Inventor	HUSAIN
Art Unit	1723
Examiner Name	CECIL, Terry K.
Attorney Docket Number	4320-521

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ²
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
TC ↓ TC		WO 02/04100	01-17-2002	Zenon Environmental Inc.		
		WO 03/008337	01-30-2003	Cargill Inc		
		DE 35 07 532 A1	09-04-1986	Geesthacht GKSS Forschung		
		GB 1 268 397	03-29-1972	Usher		

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
TC		Office Action mailed May 9, 2006 in U.S. Application Serial No. 10/798,310	
TC		Final Office Action mailed November 16, 2005 in U.S. Application Serial No. 10/798,310	

Examiner Signature	/Terry Cecil/	Date Considered	11/21/2006
-----------------------	---------------	--------------------	------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 120 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.